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FM AMEMBASSY OUAGADOUGOU

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AMEMBASSY NIAMEY

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FOR PC/W AND M/DG

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SUBJECT: MEDICAL COVERAGE NIGER AND UPPER VOLTA

REF: A) STATE 241676 B) NIAMEY 3730

1. AFTER DISCUSSION REF A WITH ACTING PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR REDDY AND OTHER CONCERNED ELEMENTS OF MISSION, WE REGRETTABLY CONCLUDE IMPOSSIBLE CONCUR WITH THE PROPOSED MEDICAL COVERAGE FOR UPPER VOLTA.

A. PROPOSAL DOES NOT PROVIDE ADEQUATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL COVERAGE. WE ARE COMPLETELY DEPENDENT UPON PCP NIAMEY FOR ALL MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, WITH RMO ABIDJAN AS BACKUP. CLOSE PROXIMITY NIAMEY PCP MAKES THIS ARRANGEMENT FEASIBLE. ABIDJAN DISTANCE AND TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS PREVENT ABIDJAN BEING SATISFACTORY FOR EMERGENCY DEPENDABILITY. PROPOSAL NEGLECTS SHORT TERM COVERAGE AND AT BEST PROVIDES ONLY LIMITED HELP OVER LONGER TERM

B. PROPOSAL DOES NOT MEET MINIMUM PREVENTIVE REQUIREMENTS. ABSENCE OF ASSIGNED DOCTOR NECESSITATES REGULAR SCHEDULED VISITS OF PCP NIAMEY. ESSENTIAL FOR MEDICAL COVERAGE NOT ONLY OF PEACE CORPS BUT FOR TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED

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MISSION PERSONNEL SINCE RMO VISITS NORMALLY ON QUARTERLY

BASIS.

2. WE SUPPORT EMBASSY NIAMEYS REQUEST THAT REFTEL BE
RECONSIDERED BY PC/W AND M/DG AND JOIN IN THEIR HOPE
THAT A BETTER SOLUTION CAN BE FOUND.

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